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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Examiner's indication that claims 56-62 are allowed, and that claims 47-58 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, is noted with appreciation.

Accordingly, by the present amendment, claims 47 and 53 have been amended to change "horizontal side wall" to - - horizontal top wall - - to overcome the objection of insufficient antecedent basis.

In response to the objection under 35 U.S.C. 132(a) that there is no support in the specification for "composite material" to be "solidified composite material", the word "solidified" has been deleted, without prejudice, from claim 53.

This word could not be found in the amended disclosure.

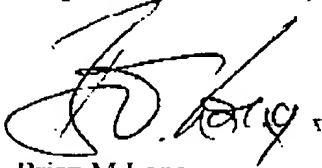
In addition, this opportunity has been taken to change "connector" to - - connectors each - - in claim 53, and - - of lumber has been added to claims 51 and 52 to clarify the wordings of these claims.

It is accordingly believed that the application is now in order for allowance, and early action to that end is courteously requested.

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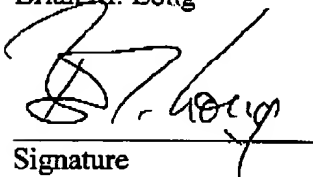


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